

Wycombe Wand. score first goals away to Barking

Sports Mail Special Report

L EFT back Alastair Lewis, aged 19, made his Isthmian League senior team debut for Wycombe Wanderers this afternoon at Barking on a bone-hard playing surface which made good football impossible. The Wycombe team were two up at the interval.

Barking: Bird; Ford, Swan; Bramwell, Smith, Moffatt; Banks, Cook, Harrison, Erith, Ellis.

Wycombe Wanderers: Brown; Beck, Lewis; Thomas, Fisher, Atkins; Rockell, Ashby, Bates, Trott, Murphy
Referee: Mr. R. H. Pearce.

Wanderers got the filip they needed within a minute of the start. Ashby headed Rockell's cross against the post and left winger **ALAN MURPHY** smashed the rebound into the net.

Both teams found difficulty in controlling a very lively ball and mistakes were frequent. But Wycombe — prompted by the shrewd Bates — were the more accurate in attack.

Brown had to dive smartly to save from a Cook breakaway but it was very much one-way traffic towards the Barking goal.

The strong raiding of Ashby had the erratic Barking defence in real trouble and from one of his passes Trott just failed to reach a bouncing ball in the goal-mouth.

Then goalkeeper Bird stuck out a foot in desperation to stop Rockell's shot, and then clutched a full-blooded drive from Trott at close range.

WYCOMBE'S TURN

It was Wycombe's turn to escape when Beck's back pass looked like dropping into the net. Brown just beat Cook to the ball. Then Moffatt hit a violent drive just wide.

As Barking began to liven up considerably they fired in a fusillade of shots, and Brown looked uncertain at times.

Barking chased and belted the ball towards goal at every opportunity, but Wycombe kept their heads.

A change of ball nearly brought Wycombe a second goal, Rockell just failing to convert Bates' through pass.

Twelve minutes from the break **ASHBY** collected a long clearance and fired into the net as he was tackled heavily.

Half - time: Barking 0, Wycombe 2.

Result and second half scorers: see Stop Press.

TROTT SNAPS A HAT-TRICK

Barking 0 Wycombe 6

WYCOMBE inside-left Cliff Trott notched a second-half hat-trick in this Isthmian League game at Barking. Seldom can he have scored three easier goals.

The Barking defence—it has conceded 14 goals in three games—was wide open and never recovered from the blow of a Murphy goal inside the first minute.

Barking's forwards struggled hard to get on terms and home leader Harrison went near with a clever solo effort.

But in the 33rd minute Wycombe increased their lead when Ashby slipped a through ball past advancing 'keeper Bird. In the second half the traffic was all one way with Wycombe spotlighting every weakness in Barking's defence.

After 65 minutes Trott ran the ball straight into the goal.

Three minutes later he was on hand to smash a weak clearance past Bird. Trott completed his hat-trick with Barking's defenders appealing strongly for offside.

Ten minutes from the close Ashby headed in a Murphy cross to complete the scoring. Winger Murphy, Ashby and centre-half Fisher were Wycombe's strong men. Only the tireless efforts of inside-forwards Harrison and Frith stood out in a poor Barking side.